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# The Blooming Gourd



### Message from the President ....

Hello GGS members.

Please watch your email for a message regarding voting on GGS By-law changes and upcoming nominations and votes for Officers & Directors. We will also have a Zoom meeting soon for all members to discuss upcoming GGS events, including our September GourdFest "Gourds on the Go." If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please do so right away so you won't miss anything, and encourage gourding friends to join also. Troy Tatum, Event Chairman, and his group have been working diligently and have come up with some great ideas!

Jane

# Message from the Vice President

With Spring arriving and vaccinations available, things are looking up for 2021! Plans are progressing for our GourdFest in Griffin September 24th - 26th. So...get your membership renewed to support our GGS and take advantage of special offers & discounts for members. If Covid-19 has stalled your creativity, be ready to get back together with fellow gourders. Until you can attend any festivals please support our vendors through online sales & classes. Looking forward to seeing you in person!

Beth

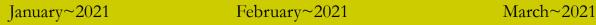
### Atlanta Patch News

The Atlanta Patch meets the second Saturday of each month, 9:30-2:30, at the Pickneyville Community Center in Norcross, GA

We resumed meetings in the fall of 2020, with mask requirements, and social distancing during the classes. It has been really great getting together and sharing new ideas, catching up on each others life and just being social again.

The true take away from the past year of COVID experiences for me, is simply not to take our social relationships for granted—I have totally missed the Gourd events and all my Artistic Gourd friends....social media and zooming are great, but can never replace the personal interaction, face to face and in person....just nothing can replace personal interactions. I look forward to seeing more and more gourders returning as vaccines are distributed.

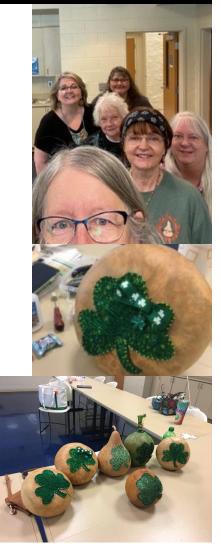
Below are a few photos from patch meetings in January, February and March.....Tina











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# Gourdacious Patch ~ Demorist, GA

The Gourdacious Patch has been idle for a year now. Hopefully, we will be able to resume meetings soon. The Patch meets the first Friday of the month (except for when holidays occur near/on date) at 10 a.m. at the Habersham Senior Center. With luck, we will resume with small groups in May or June. Below are meeting dates. If you or anyone you know would like to attend or be an instructor, please contact Gail Justus (justusgail@gmail.com).

May 7
June 4
July 9
August 6
September 3
October 1
November 5
December 3

# Joyful Gourd Souls Patch ~ Loganville, GA

Our patch is temporarily closed, due to our meeting place is not yet available for outside activities. Since Melissa & I were the only two regulars, we have been going to the Atlanta Patch for our "Gourd Fun & Fellowship".

Tina

# Flint River Patch ~ Griffin Patch

Flint River Patch hosted a Gourd Education Day with Suzi Nonn teaching Saturday and Sunday different classes each day. Fun was had by all, BIG THANK YOU to Suzi for sharing her expertise and talents with all of us. Please stay tuned for upcoming patch meeting news.



Future meeting dates:

Sunday, April 18

Sunday, May 16

Sunday, June 13 (because third Sunday is Fathers Day)

Sunday, July 18

<u>Sunday, August 15</u>

Sunday, September 19

<u>Sunday, October 17</u>

Sunday, November 21

Sunday, December 19



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# Stay in the know for our 2021 show....Gourds on the Go....

#### GGS Logo Contest-

Get your artwork to Holly Gallagher-

All entries must have show theme-Gourds on the Go...2021 and suitable for printing on merchandise or buttons-deadline for entry is May 1st.

Email all entries to hollyheathgallagher@gmail.com

This year we will be using the same sign up methods as Cherokee and the Florida Gourd show; for class applications; class registrations and volunteer registration. The website will be updated soon for inputting teacher applications in google docs.

All volunteers will get early class sign up privileges, and GGS members will receive discount rate for class fees. Please email Holly Gallagher for volunteer sign ups.

Basket raffles- any patch, group or couple that would like to put together and donate a basket for the raffle please contact Karen Maloney, you may wish to donate items for baskets or an entire basket, all donations appreciated.

We plan to have 4 separate silent auctions & would appreciate GGS members (or anyone for that matter) consider donating a finished gourd or an item or two or three, for the silent auctions. Maybe a class gourd? Maybe a tutorial kit? Or something you made that no longer fits your decor.

This year will be our first show event during the same time as the county fair, so we do expect high volume of walk in customers, and we will have a variety of art vendors not limited to just gourd art. We are very excited for the plans we are making for our 2021 GourdFest, so mark your calendars now, make your reservations and start planning to have lots of fun and creating gourd art!!!

#### Competition Corner.....

Karin Anderson is our chairperson for Competition Committee for the 2021 Gourds on the Go Show, please contact Karin with any questions regarding the upcoming competitions. We do have several changes in our categories and divisions this year; all rules and categories will be posted on website soon. One big change is the Grand Masters will not be competing, each Artist will be entitled to a space, you can price your pieces, and your business information with your works.

SO, we are asking, that all Grand Masters Artist please declare your intention to exhibit at the GGS show this year. We encourage all GM Artists to participate, and if you choose to exhibit your work, we would like to know in advance Karin will need to know how many pieces you would like to display, so that space allocation can be decided in advance.

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# A Note from the Editor.....

Good day my Gourd Friends,

I have volunteered to get this publication "blooming" again, however, I need your help. PLEASE send me some gourd news! Pictures, articles, tutorials. Tips & Tricks to share....Gourd Events, upcoming shows—anything we can share with all our Gourd Pals & Patches. I would like to share vendor resources, deal and any thing you would like to share with others. I am open to suggestions, this publication is for you and about you. It would be great to have articles from all patches, all executive board members and a question answer section for all to read. PLEASE help us make this a Grand Blooming Gourd!!! Please send all suggestions, articles and photos to georgiagourdsociety@gmail.com with the subject line "blooming gourd news" One of the best ways to grow our membership is to share, communicate and educate....You may have heard it said... "Bloom where you are planted", well Gourders..let's get Blooming, and share the "Gourd news"!!

Happy Gourdin' all, Tina

# Membership News....

Our Membership numbers are down sadly, perhaps because of COVID canceling our show last year. Most were accustom to paying at the annual show, however, we are trying to make it is as convenient as possible to renew your membership. GGS will now accept payment via cards—please contact Tom Ricker for payment information.

We need <u>EVERY MEMBER</u> reaching out to grow our membership-please drop off applications when you speak at Garden Clubs or visit Art Guilds to speak about Gourd Art.

We also strongly encourage all Patch members to pay your Georgia Dues as soon as possible. This year and moving forward, GGS members will receive discounts on class registration, as well as Competition registrations. Non GGS members will pay higher fees for class registrations at all GGS sponsored shows or GEDs.

We have great ideas in the works for future events and projects for the coming year or so, you won't want to be left out...so please pay up and keep up!

Application forms can be printed from website~~~www.georgiagourdsociety.com

#### GGS Merchandise Market....

To order GGS merchandise please contact Diane Ricker Dmricker48@yahoo.com

Denim shirts must be special ordered; Diane places order when min of 10 is reached & it takes approximately 8 weeks for them to come in;

Canvas Totes are available for purchase ~

Diane & Holly have a supply of bags

for pick up or they can be mailed if you wish to pay postage.

Shirts are \$35/\$38 for XL and larger

Canvas bags are \$25 each

{Dimensions are 24" wide/14" high/7" deep }



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# Gourding 'round the South...

Several of our Georgia Gourders joined in on the Gourd Fun at the recent Florida Gourd Show—taking several classes and coming home with some ribbons for their competition entries....







# Congratulations Karen Maloney!





Congratulations Vickie Patterson!









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# A few cool Tips or Tricks heard thru the Gourd vines...... Painting/Finishing Tips

- Clean/revitalize brushes with hand sanitizer. Let brush sit in sanitizer for 5-10 mins, then clean with soapy water
- You can apply OIL paint over acrylic paints. But you if you apply water based (eg., acrylic) paint over oil, the acrylic with crackle
- Krylon Clear Coat or Krylon Workable
   Fixative are a great first finish. Prevents
   "running". You can use other finishes afterward.
- If you need a very durable outdoor finish, use Helmsman Spar urethane. Apply several coats.

#### Modeling/Sculpting Tips

Quik Wood, Apoxy Sculp, air dry paper clay)

- For making large, flat pieces roll out between 2 pieces of plastic wrap (after mixing the two parts, of course)
- To make it easier to smooth/feather out
  Quick Wood, use a few drops of a product
  by DecoArt called "Traditions Extender
  & Blending Medium". Put a drop on your
  fingers before smooth.
- Apoxy Sculp stays pliable longer than QuikWood. Also seems easier to sand when dry.

#### Sanding

- Cut sanding belt into small rectangles
   (i.e., 1" x 2" or 2" x 3") for sanding
   carved areas. The cloth backing keeps it
   stiff but flexible. It comes in a variety of
   grits.
- Sand paper grits the HIGHER the # (eg. 400), the finer the grit.

# To keep this column going we need more input from YOU....

Please Submit your creative tips, tricks and advises to Tina via email to georgiagourdsociety@gmail.com

Let's share the "gourd news" of what works well for you or what doesn't work well on gourds from your experiences

DATES	2021 GOURD SOCIETY EVENTS	AGS Judged	Jim Story Award
Feb 26 – 28	Florida - 2021 Florida Gourd Show, Melbourne, FL www.flgourdsoc.org	Yes	Yes
April 10 - 11	Missouri - Show Me Gourd Society Fine Art Festival, www.showmegourdsociety.com - CANCELED		
April 23 – 24	South Carolina - South Carolina & Ghost Creek Gourd Fest, Ghost Creek Gourd Farm, Laurens, SC www.facebook.com/South-Carolina-Gourd-Society	No	No
April 24 - 26	California - 2021 Baskets and Gourds, Containers of Our Culture - CANCELED		
May 7-8	Indiana - Gourd Society State Show, www. indianagourdsociety.org - CANCELED	Yes	Yes
May 6 – 9	California - Folsom Gourd Artists Festival, Rancho Cordova, CA www.californiagourdsociety.com	Yes	Yes
June 26 – 27	California - Amador Gourd & Fine Arts Festival Amador Flower Farm, Plymouth, CA www.AmadorGourdArtists.com	No	No
August 12 – 14	Pennsylvania - PA Gourd Fest, Lebanon Expo Center and Fairgrounds, Lebanon, PA www.pagourdsociety.org	Yes	Yes
Sept 10 – 12	Nevada - Silver State Art Festival - Carson City, NV www.nevadagourdsociety.org	No	No
Sept 24 – 26	Georgia - 2021 GourdFest "Gourds On The Go" Kiwanis Fairgrounds, Griffin, GA www.georgiagourdsociety.com	Yes	Yes
Oct 1-3	Ohio - 2021 Ohio Gourd Show, Delaware Co. Fairgrounds, Delaware, OH www.ohiogourdsociety.com	Yes	Yes
Oct 1-3	Texas - Lone Star Gourd Festival, Gillespie County Fairgrounds, Fredericksburg, TX www.texasgourdsociety.com (classes start 9/30/21)	Yes	Yes
Oct 15 – 16	Alabama - 2021 Alabama Gourd Show, Sparkman Civic Center, Hartselle, AL www.alabamagourdsociety.org	Yes	Yes
Oct 21 – 24	Idaho - Idaho Gourd Festival, Potomac Manor, Boise, ID www.idahogourdsociety.org	Yes	Yes
Nov 6 – 7	North Carolina - 79th Annual North Carolina Gourd Arts and Crafts Festival, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC www.ncgourdsociety.org	Yes	Yes
Nov 14 – 15	Virginia - VA Gourd Show, Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, Winchester, VA www.vlgs.org	Yes	No
DATES	2021 OTHER GOURD EVENTS	AGS Judged	Jim Story Award
July 28 – Aug 1	North Carolina - Gourd Gathering at Cherokee, Cherokee, NC www.gourdgathering.org	No	No

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# A Gourding you may go.....

# **Gourd Gathering** at Cherokee





It's Always a Gourd Day in PA!

#### August 12-14th, 2021 2021 Pennsylvania Gourd Fest

Lebanon Valley Expo Center and Fairgrounds 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA 17042 (Near many great PA attractions)

3 days of classes Indoor & outdoor facilities Supply & Tool Vendors On-site concessions AGS Competition On-site camping/showers ...and much, much more!

Interested instructors and vendors can find applications at www.pagourdsociety. org





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#### A HUGE "CONGRATULATIONS" shout out to Dennis McDonald~

Dennis was the featured Artist in the spring edition of American Gourd Society magazine.

Dennis is a truly amazing Artist & it is a honor to have one of our very own GGS Artists featured in the national magazine....

"Way to go Dennís!!!"



#### Featured Artist - Dennis McDonald

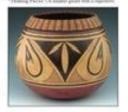
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